



Partners for Health Reform*plus*

Objectives

The Partners for Health Reform*plus* (PHR*plus*) project is the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) flagship project in health policy and systems strengthening. USAID looks to PHR*plus* to provide technical assistance in, and to help maintain USAID's worldwide leadership role in health care reform and improving health system performance. PHR*plus* builds on the predecessor Partnerships for Health Reform (PHR) project, with a new, major emphasis on health information and disease surveillance. PHR*plus* contributes to USAID's objective to improve health systems performance by delivering priority population, health, and nutrition services through effective policy implementation, improved health financing, availability and use of health information, and strengthened health delivery systems.

In addition to providing technical assistance and supporting USAID's leadership role, PHR*plus* conducts health systems research; implements performance monitoring and results tracking; provides training and capacity development; and is responsible for strategic documentation and transfer of experience in health policy and systems strengthening.

PHR*plus* works in over 25 countries spanning four regions of the world and employs 120 professional staff including home and field offices. Currently, PHR*plus* has long-term advisors and country offices in Albania, Benin, Cambodia, El Salvador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, Jordan, Peru, Senegal, and Yemen.



Impact to Date

PHR*plus* works with our partners to make health care more affordable and accessible by providing technical assistance to community-based healthcare financing (CBHF) schemes. A CBHF scheme is any scheme managed and operated by an organization, other than a government or a private for-profit company, that provides risk pooling to cover part or all of the costs of health care services. These schemes are voluntary, but can be owned by a variety of organizations and can cover a variety of benefit packages. To date, PHR*plus* has supported 61 CBHF schemes in West Africa, providing several hundred thousand members with access to a wide array of health services.

As countries begin to scale up access to antiretroviral treatment through the public and private sectors, PHR*plus* is helping policymakers plan and estimate the costs of comprehensive anti-retroviral treatment (ART) programs. Through technical assistance and an easy-to-use AIDS TREAT COST (ATC) software tool developed by PHR*plus*, the project helps governments craft evidence-based, realistic cost estimates for ART programs. To date, PHR*plus* has worked with counterparts to apply this tool and to estimate resource needs in four countries: Cambodia, Mexico, Uganda, and Zambia.

National Health Accounts (NHA) is a framework or tool for measuring total public and private national health expenditures. As health systems grow and become more complex, planners and policymakers need tools to analyze health financing to better understand their own systems and to make comparisons with the experience of other nations. NHA is being used today in more than 50 low- and middle-income countries, most of which have been supported by PHR*plus*. The project has facilitated the institutionalization of routine NHA data collection in countries such as Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco. PHR*plus* has helped to ensure that NHA data are used in policy decision-making in numerous countries, including: Guatemala, Jordan, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

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